

NEWS RELEASE

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Violent felons among 44 convicted by Crimes Against Persons Team

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Forty-four defendants, including armed robbers and a sex offender, were among the defendants recently convicted by the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Persons Team. During the week of November 2, 2015, the defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable Yvonne Mims Evans, Superior Court Judge.

Among those convicted and sent to prison were:

Jimmy Harris, 27, pled guilty to 1) attempted first-degree murder, 2) robbery with a dangerous weapon, 3) assault on a law enforcement officer with a firearm and 4) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Harris was sentenced to 207-261 months in prison.

Orlando Caldera, 65, pled guilty to 1) first-degree sex offense and 2) five counts of indecent liberties with a child. Caldera was sentenced to 168-262 months in prison. Upon his release from prison, Caldera must register as a sex offender for 30 years. [Click here](#) for more information about the case.

Arnold Thomas, 22, pled guilty to 1) robbery with a dangerous weapon and 2) assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury. Thomas was sentenced to 72-99 months in prison.

Jeremy Norman, 24, pled guilty to 1) robbery with a dangerous weapon and 2) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Norman was sentenced to 65-90 months in prison.

Amir Boujlil, 16, pled guilty to 1) robbery with a dangerous weapon and 2) attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon. Boujlil was sentenced to 42-63 months in prison.

Note: Almost all guilty pleas entered in criminal administrative court are the result of an agreed upon plea arrangement between the State and the defendant, which is then approved by the sentencing judge. For more information about why most cases must be resolved by plea negotiation instead of jury trial, please visit the "Understanding Criminal Court" section of the DA's website at www.charmeckda.com.

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